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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ARTICLE XXVIII:1 CONSULTATION WITH AUSTRIA

1. 1975 AUSTRIAN IMPORT STATISTICS INCLUDE FOLLOWING DATA  
RE IMPORTS OF CRTS, TELEVISION AND RECEPTION TUBES UNDER  
TRADE STATISTICAL NUMBER 85.21-10 (TARIFF ITEM 85.21A1):

TOTAL IMPORTS: 314,256 UNITS VALUED AT \$19,687,600;

OF WHICH FROM WEST GERMANY - \$ 7,419,001

JAPAN - \$ 4,293,284

NETHERLANDS - \$ 4,264,487

UNITED STATES - \$ 1,605,683

UNITED KINGDOM - \$ 728,990

BELGIUM - \$ 585,763

ITALY - \$ 481,515

FRANCE - \$ 216,762

DENMARK - \$ 60,792

CZECHOSLOVAKIA - \$ 14,753

ROMANIA - \$ 11,424

AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATE CY 1975: AS 17.42 EQUAL US\$1.00

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2. AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF SCHEDULE LISTS STATUTORY ZERO RATE FOR TARIFF ITEM 85.21A1. ACCORDING TO FOOTNOTE IN SCHEDULE, ZERO RATE SHALL BE REPLACED BY 25 PERCENT A.V. RATE IF NECESSITATED BY ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. TIME WHEN HIGHER RATE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IS TO BE ANNOUNCED BY FINANCE MINISTRY IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRADE MINISTRY.

3. IN GATT KENNEDY ROUND, AUSTRIA REDUCED MFN BASE RATE OF DUTY APPLICABLE TO ITEM 85.21A1 FROM AS 10.50 PER PIECE TO AS 5.00 PER PIECE. CONCESSION CONTAINED IN LIST XXXII - AUSTRIA WHICH WAS PUT INTO EFFECT BY FEDERAL LAW ON DECEMBER 5, 1967 (FEDERAL LAW GAZETTE # 398/96, DECEMBER 29, 1967).

4. WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSION REQUIRED TO ENACT 25 PERCENT A.V. RATE. EMBASSY BELIEVES MEASURE DESIGNED MAINLY TO ELIMINATE U.S. AND JAPANESE COMPETITION THAT ACCOUT FOR ONE FOURTH OF TOTAL IMPORTS. DELIVERIES FROM EFTA AND EC COUNTRIES NOT AFFECTED. GOA ACTION PROBABLY PROMPTED BY REQUEST FOR PROTECTION FROM LOCAL SUBSIDIARY OF DUTCH PHILIPS CONCERN WHICH BEGAN PRODUCTION OF TELEVISION RECEIVING TUBES IN AUSTRIA FEW YEARS AGO.BUCHANAN

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